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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding:

<b>Office Action Summary</b>	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	10/784,099	DU ET AL.
	Examiner	Art Unit
	Barry Choobin	2625

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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#### Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 July 2005.  
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.  
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-11 and 15-27 is/are pending in the application.  
 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.  
 5) Claim(s) 15-27 is/are allowed.  
 6) Claim(s) 1-4, 7 and 11 is/are rejected.  
 7) Claim(s) 5, 6 and 8-10 is/are objected to.  
 8) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.  
 10) The drawing(s) filed on 23 February 2004 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.  
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).  
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
 a) All b) Some \* c) None of:  
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  
 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)  
 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date 2/23/04; 8/17/05.

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_.  
 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)  
 6) Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

## DETAILED ACTION

### ***Election/Restrictions***

1. Claims 12-14 withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected group, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Election was made **without** traverse in the reply filed on July 21, 2005.

### ***Information Disclosure Statement***

2. The information disclosure statements (IDS) submitted on 2/23/2004 and 8/17/2005 are in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statements are being considered by the examiner.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

As to claims 1, 2, Besson discloses a method of correcting scatter comprising: obtaining a voxellized representation of a 3D image of an object from a plurality of projection data; calculating a single scatter profile for the object using the voxellized

representation of the 3D image of the object; determining the total scatter profile for the object using the single scatter profile and an adjustment factor; and correcting the projection data using the total scatter profile to obtain a scatter corrected projection data (fig. 12 of Besson et al provides any available 3-D data in step 124; performs a single scatter estimation in step 128; performs scatter estimate in step 130; and correction of the scatter is performed in step 132).

As to claims 3, 4, Besson discloses the projection data comprises raw image data (see paragraph 134).

As to claim 7, Besson discloses subtracting the total scatter profile from the projection data to obtain the scatter corrected projection data (see paragraph 66).

As to claim 11, Besson discloses the image data comprises a plurality of digital radiographic projection data (see the abstract).

***Allowable Subject Matter***

Claims 15-27 are allowed over prior art.

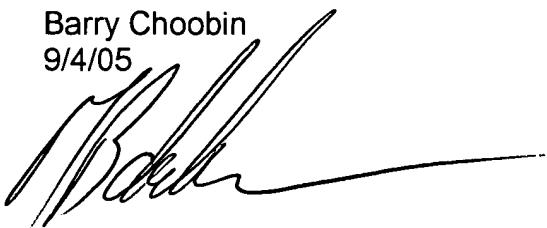
**CONTACT INFORMATION**

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Barry Choobin whose telephone number is 571-272-7447. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 7:30 AM to 18:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bhavesh Mehta can be reached on 571-272-7453. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Barry Choobin  
9/4/05

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Barry Choobin", with the date "9/4/05" written above it to the left. The signature is fluid and cursive.